

ABSTRACT

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Cherry Wood Farm  
Leitersburg Vicinity  
Private

Second Quarter  
19th Century

The Cherry Wood Farm Complex which consists of a stone and brick dwelling and a stone barn is primarily significant for its architecture. The buildings reflect the popularity of native limestone as a building material in Washington County during the early 19th century. As a working farm which has been in operation since its establishment, it is also important to the history of agriculture in the area. Additionally, the barn is said to have been used for worship services during the early 20th century.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <b>Cherry Wood Farm</b>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Miller's Church Road</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Leitersburg Vicinity</b>				
STATE <b>Maryland</b>			COUNTY: <b>Washington</b>	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <b>Amos I Hostetter</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Route # 5, Box 441</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
			<b>21740</b>	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>Washington County Court House</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>West Washington Street</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
			<b>21740</b>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <b>246/241</b>				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cherry-Wood Farm complex is located west of Miller's Church Road about one half mile north of the Hagerstown-Leitersburg Pike, Maryland Route 60 near Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of relatively level ground with limestone outcroppings and faces east.

The dwelling is a two story, six bay limestone structure with a two story brick addition on the north end of the rear elevation. The stone structure is two bays wide at the south elevation while the north end wall was much narrower, indicating that a portion of the northern end of the west wall was recessed or inset.

The walls are constructed of coursed local limestones with large quoins employed at the corners. Decorative masonry includes the placement of modified keystones above most windows. Unusual triangular cut limestones have been used above first story windows of the south end wall. The masonry appears to have been completely repointed in recent years.

Upper and lower story windows are aligned in the walls. Frames are narrow and finished with a bead at the inner edge. Nine over six pane double hung sashes are present at the first story while six over six pane sashes are employed at the second story windows.

Entrances are located in the third and fifth bays from the south end of the front elevation. The doors display similar treatment and are topped with transoms. A one story shed roofed porch extends along the entire front elevation. Entrances are also present in the rear elevation of the stone section and in the south wall of the brick section which juts beyond the stone structure.

The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and terminates with a tapered barge board set against the end walls. Small brick chimneys are located inside the south gable end and at the interior of the house near the location of the brick addition.

South of the house is a large stone end bank barn with wooden gables. The buildings are in excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 139.21 acres. Foundation stones possibly from an earlier dwelling are located just northeast of the house. A log house was present on the site of a brick house built in 1967 on Miller's Church Road at the entrance to this farm.

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation           | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cherry-Wood Farm complex is primarily significant for its architecture. As a working farm which has been in operation since its establishment, it is also important to the history of agriculture in Washington County. Additionally, the barn is said to have been used for Worship Services during the early 20th century when the farm was owned by Jacob Meyers.

It is generally believed that the stone house was built by Abraham Strite who owned the property between 1828 and his death in 1863. Indeed, the exterior appearance of this house as observed in its window and door treatment and in its masonry would suggest a building date during the second quarter of the 19th century. It is said that the brick addition was made by Abraham Strite's widow.

The land comprising the farm is made up of parts of three grants, "Cousin's Obligation," "Ritter's Rest" and "Farmers Blessing." It would appear that these grants were resurveys on another tract, "Resurvey on Poe's Part of Well Taught." In 1828 Abraham Strite purchased 111 3/4 acres from Jacob Leckrone, Sr. and Jacob Leckrone, Jr., executors of Simon Leckron for \$3,464, (II/879). Leckron had purchased land in three transactions in 1796, 1804 and 1808 from Henry Schnebly and Christian Lantz respectively. Christian Lantz, acting as trustee for Jacob Kitter, deceased, sold Leckron 39 acres of "Ritter's Rest" in 1808, (T/71). Apparently other parts of "Ritter's Rest" were purchased by Leckrone and referred to as "Cousin's Obligation." The original tract, "Resurvey on Poe's Part of Well Taught," was patented to Jacob Leiter in 1763. It was a resurvey on still earlier grants to George Poe made in 1748 and 1754.

In 1830, Abraham Strite's executors sold the farm to Henry M. Jacobs who deeded it to his son-in-law Jacob Meyers in 1802, (79/156, 116/483). The farm was purchased by Henry L. Strite in 1917, (152/387). It remained in the Strite family until 1944.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md:  
the author, 1908.

Sagi, Kathy, Place-Name Field Study Project, Hagerstown Junior College,  
May, 1975.

Washington County Land Records.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 139.21 acres

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

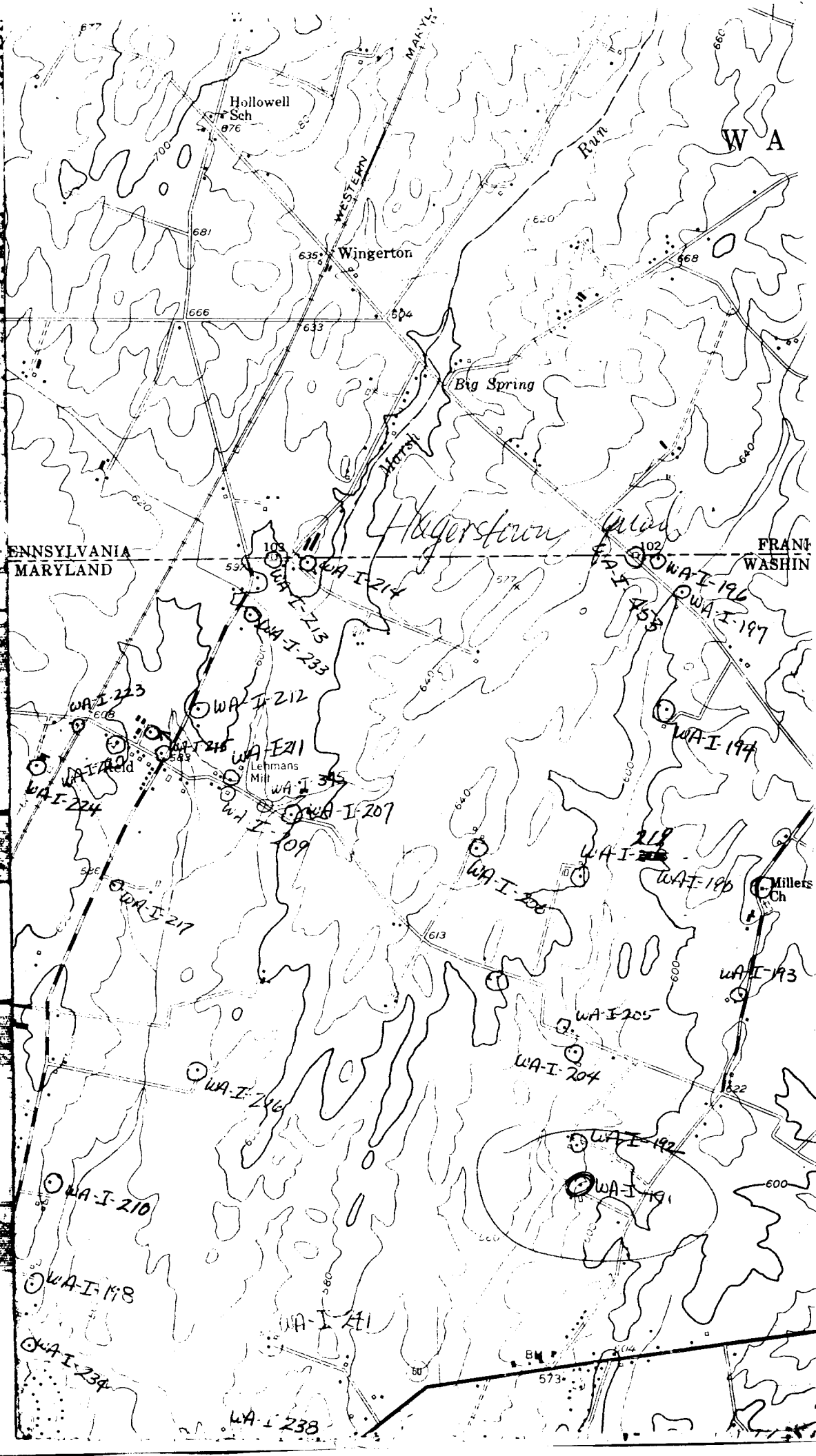
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE February 1976
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





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